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Interagency Committee on Nutrition Education

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We receive many inquiries about the organization, purposes, and activities of nutrition committees. In this issue of NUTRITION PROGRAM NEWS, we present a brief history of the Federal Interagency Committee on Nutrition Education (ICNE) and its current organization, purposes, and activities. Similar information about State and local committees will be published in a later issue.

HISTORY OF THE ICNE

Result of wartime food problems

The committee was originated to help cope with some of the problems of World War II rationing. The secretariat was provided by the Division of Nutrition in the Office of Defense, Health, and Welfare Services (which became the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare).

After the White House Conference on Nutrition and Defense in 1941, State and local nutrition committees were set up to promote the advantageous use of available foods during wartime rationing. At the same time, a 1941 Executive order of President Franklin D. Roosevelt provided Federal coordination of activities and services and exchange of information among the committees. This exchange of information was partially provided by issuing a newsletter.

By 1943 it became apparent that coordination of nutrition activities needed to be closer to Federal food-related research. President Roosevelt then issued a second Executive order transferring the authority to the United States Department of Agriculture. Thus the Nutrition Planning Committee came into existence. The secretariat for this committee was first under M. L. Wilson, Head, War Food Distribution, and Director, Federal Extension Service. Later it was delegated to the Agricultural Research Service.

The Nutrition Planning Committee was made up of representatives of Federal agencies that had a stake in the

Helen Hille Dies

The ICNE has lost a valued member of its subcommittee on program of work for the 1967-68 year with the death of Mrs. Helen Hille on August 15, in Chicago. Helen was a nutrition consultant of the Children's Bureau, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. She served on the Administrative Services Committee for the recent National Nutrition Education Conference. At the Conference, she described Children's Bureau nutrition programs. Helen will be sadly missed.

nutrition of people. This group was actively involved in the coordination of nutrition activities at State and local levels. Subcommittees prepared guidance material for State committees. More important still, the Committee coordinated the nutrition programs of the member agencies.

Although the crisis no longer existed when the war was over, workers recognized the value of the nutrition committee's activities and a publication for exchange of information. The Federal committee was regeared to operate effectively in peacetime. Although many of the State committees also remained active, some of them disbanded.

In 1950, the Interagency Planning Committee was merged with the Cooperating Committee on School Lunches, which involved many of the same agencies and issues. The new committee was known as the Interagency Committee on Nutrition Education and School Lunch. The secretariat was provided by USDA through its Nutrition Programs Service Unit.

In June 1962, the name was shortened to the Interagency Committee on Nutrition Education. This recognized that the group's chief function in relation to the National School Lunch Program is helping to maximize the opportunity the program affords for nutrition education.

Selected activities of ICNESL-ICNE

Shortly after the committees merged into ICNESL, a list of materials published by member agencies was prepared. "Selected References on Nutrition and School Lunch" was first issued by the Agricultural Research Service, USDA. Revisions have been issued by the Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior; and the Agricultural Research Service. It was last revised in 1963.

In 1956, a meeting of State and local nutrition committee members and members of the ICNE was first held at the time of the annual meeting of the American Home Economics Association. Meetings are now scheduled on the programs of the American Home Economics Association, the American Dietetic Association, and the American School Food Service Association on a rotating basis.

Both groups of committee members found the opportunity for exchange of information meaningful. For example, after the 1962 Nutrition Education Conference, members of State committees reported on how they were disseminating the information gained at the Conference. This provided ideas for other State and local committees and gave the Federal group a picture of the Conference followup in the States.

In 1964, the Committee formulated basic concepts of nutrition for use in nutrition education programs for laymen.

The ICNE and USDA, through its Nutrition Programs Service Unit, have cosponsored national nutrition education conferences at 5-year intervals since 1952.

THE ICNE TODAY

Purpose

The stated purpose of the ICNE is "to better understand the goals of member agencies and their nutrition-related programs; to stimulate efforts to improve the well-being of people through nutrition education and other activities."

Functions

The ICNE—

1. Provides the opportunity for member agencies to gain a better understanding of purposes and programs of other member agencies through exchange of information and materials, and through discussion of common problems.
2. Shares information on current developments, pertinent research, and nutrition education through NUTRITION PROGRAM NEWS and other media.
3. Provides a forum for discussion of issues and problems related to nutrition education.

4. Explores and suggests areas of needed studies, research, and action related to nutrition education for consideration by member agencies.
5. Sponsors conferences, workshops, and institutes, and otherwise furthers nutrition education.
6. Maintains communication with State and local nutrition committees.

Membership

The Interagency Committee on Nutrition Education consists of representatives from government and quasi-government agencies that have responsibilities related to nutrition education.

Currently the ICNE is made up of one or more members and alternates from each of the following:

Department of Agriculture, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Department of Interior, Office of Economic Opportunity, American National Red Cross, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Pan American Health Organization, Peace Corps, and President's Council on Physical Fitness.

Representatives for 1967-68 are listed on page 3.

Organization

Committee members are designated by and accountable to the administrators of their own agencies. Policy decisions of the ICNE, as well as decisions involving agency funds, are subject to administrative approval by the member agencies.

The Committee elects its officers, plans its own program, appoints appropriate subcommittees, and carries on activities that will fulfill the purpose and functions of the committee. The secretariat is provided by the Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

Meetings are usually held monthly.

The work of the ICNE is carried on largely through subcommittees. Members, alternates, or other staff members from represented agencies may serve on subcommittees.

The standing subcommittees and their duties:

The Program of Work Committee plans a program for the year, suggests emphasis for individual meetings, indicates other subcommittees needed, and plans an evaluation of the year's work.

The Advisory Committee on NUTRITION PROGRAM NEWS serves in consultant capacity to NPN staff on request. It also makes recommendations on possible subject matter coverage and on contacts in the States to provide information, and collaborates on plans for periodic evaluation of NPN as a tool in carrying out the ICNE purpose.

The Nominating Committee nominates members to be Chairman and Vice Chairman for the following year.

Other subcommittees are named as needed.

IN CONCLUSION

Heavy travel schedules sometimes make attendance at the monthly meetings and subcommittees difficult for some members—even though the member agencies all headquarter in the Metropolitan Washington area. Members and alternates, however, find opportunity for exchange of information and for discussion of current problems and issues well worth the time and effort it takes to be a working member of the Interagency Committee.

1967-68 INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION EDUCATION (ICNE)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Consumer and Food Economics Research Division—
Dr. Mary Hill, Chairman, ICNE; Mrs. Irene Wolgast.

Human Nutrition Research Division—Mrs. Georgia Schlosser, Dr. Willis A. Gortner.

Consumer and Marketing Service:

School Lunch Division—Mrs. Bertha Olsen, Nada Poole, Howard Crites.

Cooperative State Research Service:

Human Nutrition and Consumer Use Division—Dr. Mary Beth Minden, Dr. Gladys Royal.

Farmers Home Administration:

Operating Loan Division—Mrs. Ella Mae Berdahl.

Federal Extension Service:

Dr. Evelyn B. Spindler, Mrs. Fern Kelley.

International Agricultural Development Service:

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

Food and Drug Administration:

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Office of Education:

Bureau of Elementary and Secondary Education—Elsa Schneider.

Division of Vocational and Technical Education—
Dr. Margaret Alexander, Betty Ruth Joyce.

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Bureau of Disease Prevention and Environmental Control—Dr. Ogden Johnson, Dr. Bertlyn Bosley, Mrs. Marjorie Zukel, Gretchen Collins.

Bureau of Health Services—Geraldine Piper, Clare B. Baldauf.

National Institutes of Health—Dr. Benjamin T. Burton, Dr. Karl E. Mason.

Social and Rehabilitation Service:

Children's Bureau—Frances Shoun, Margaret Phillips.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service:

Bureau of Commercial Fisheries—Mrs. Rose Kerr, Dr. Virginia Sidwell.

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

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MATERIALS

Listings of these materials is for the information of the readers and does not necessarily mean recommendation.

Civil Defense

Basic Course in Emergency Mass Feedings, Instructor's Guide. ARC 2219. **Basic Course in Emergency Mass Feeding Handbook.** ARC 2219A. Department of Defense, Office of Civil Defense; The American Red Cross; and Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Welfare Administration. U. S. Army A. G. Publication Center, Civil Defense Branch, 2800 Eastern Boulevard, Baltimore, Md. 21220. Free.

Consumer Education

Facts on Quacks—What You Should Know About Health Quackery. 1967. American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill. 60610. 30 cents.

Foods

Your Food—Chance or Choice. 12 pages. National Dairy Council, 111 North Canal Street, Chicago, Ill. 60606. 5 cents.